

centenary affords us all an excellent opportunity to study the life of our Founder and to publicize the work of the Oblates.

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*Oblate Missions*, quarterly review published by the Missionary Association of Mary Immaculate and edited by Father Fred MILLER, devoted considerable space to the Founder during the centenary. The first issue of 1961 contained a six-page illustrated biography of Bishop DE MAZENOD. The May issue gave its readers a page on « The Beautiful Death of the Founder » and three pages on the « Birth of a Congregation ». The well-known letter written by young Eugene to his mother explaining to her why he felt called to the priesthood was printed in the September issue.

## ST. MARY'S PROVINCE

The various centennial celebrations in St. Mary's Province began with the dedication on February 8, 1961, of the large and imposing provincial house at 307 Saskatchewan Crescent W., Saskatoon. In honor of the Founder, and to perpetually record its inauguration during the Centenary Year, the house is known as De Mazenod Hall. Due prominence to the opening of that centennial year was given at the ceremony with the presence of Father Joseph SIMON, provincial, with his entire Provincial Council, all of the Province's district superiors and two of its former provincials.

As throughout the entire Oblate world, all the parishes of St. Mary's conducted a preparatory

tridium of prayers and devotions to acquaint the laity with the outstanding figure of Eugene DE MAZENOD and to beg the favor of his early beatification.

At St. Thomas College in North Battleford, May 19 was set aside as De Mazenod Day. The faculty and the entire student body attended the special solemn high Mass with sermon by the superior, Father Leonard STOCKER.

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The Province observed Centennial Day itself at St. Charles Scholasticate in Battleford. The day's program included ordinations to the holy priesthood conferred by the Most Rev. Laurent Morin, bishop of Prince Albert. This was followed by a clergy banquet which gathered, in addition to the Provincial and Bishop Morin, a large number of Fathers from the Province including, of course, the entire scholasticate faculty. A special centennial program was arranged by the scholasticate which featured a most interesting slide-talk on the life of DE MAZENOD delivered by Father Aloysius KEDL. Centennial Day closed with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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The Cenennial activities drew to a close on June 17 in a most fitting manner. The successor of Bishop DE MAZENOD as superior general of the Oblate Congregation, Father Leo DESCHATELETS, honored De Mazenod Hall with a personal visit and spoke in glowing terms to the Provincial Administration, all the district superiors and many of the other Fathers, of the beautiful and imposing celebrations held in Marseilles and Aix.